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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, January 25, 2010
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Maurice Blanchette, Laurie Burstein, A. Leo Miller, Lori Spielman, Ronald Stomberg, James Prichard and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Michael Varney, EVFD; George Fetko, Director of Public Works; Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools; Rick Neal, Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Blanchette called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:34 p.m.

II. CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No citizens came forth to speak.

III. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – 2010-2011

Ronald Stomberg, BOS Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) Chair, reviewed the recommendations of the CIC as illustrated on the **attached** table; column entitled 19-Jan-10 APPROVED BOS CAP IMP COM PROJECTS 2010-11. The following comments were made:

ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

- **Road Overlay** - \$569,445. Mr. Stomberg stated that the request is valid, but the CIC had to decrease the budget and this item was reduced by \$70,000. Mr. Miller added that there was \$400,000 in the asphalt account last year but that amount isn't there this year, so that is the reason for the disparity between this year and last. This is why there were significant road improvements last year.
- **Unimproved Road Improvement** - \$150,000. Mr. Stomberg said that he spoke with Mr. Fetko about this reduction to \$25,000 and Mr. Fetko accepted this amount. Mr. Fetko added that it is most important to spend money on the roads that exist now, rather than unimproved roads, so that is where the concentration will be.

SITE ACQUISITION:

- **Municipal Land Trust Fund \$300,000 and Open Space Fund - \$250,000.** Mr. Turner noted that these reductions, even though he supports this choice, may bring about concern from people in the community. Mr. Stomberg added that there just isn't money this year. Mr. Burstein said she would like to see the BOS at least put a small amount of money into Open Space to show a commitment to preserving the land.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

- **Old Crystal Lake School House-Rehabilitate:** - \$95,000. Mr. Stomberg reported that is a community resource center and is the continuation of an already in progress project that will be used for meeting space and other gatherings.
- **Town Hall Annex Vault-Fireproof** - \$164,697. The BOS discussed the need for the fireproof vault at the Town Hall Annex. Mr. Stomberg suggested that this item be removed from the budget this year.

BUILDING REPAIRS:

- **EVFD – Sprinklers-Firehouse:** - \$70,000. Mr. Stomberg noted that item was reduced to \$0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Revaluation** - \$150,000. Mr. Stomberg noted that this cost is State-mandated, and therefore, not a negotiable item.
- **Stafford Road Sewer Extension** - \$125,000: Mr. Stomberg said that this item was reduced by the CIC from the requested \$125,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Miller stated that this is for adding on to the sewer that goes to Stafford where Routes 30 and 140 meet. Mr. Turner asked if any problems have been reported related to the sewers and Mr. Stomberg stated that they have received some concerns. Mr. Stomberg said that there may be State money available for engineering costs. Mr. Turner asked if a pump station will be necessary and Mr. Stomberg said that there is no indication that it will be needed. Mr. Miller said that the reports indicate that the sewers are in trouble but are not quite failing. If they were failing completely, repair would be mandated.
- **Town-wide Sidewalks** - \$30,000. Mr. Stomberg said that this item was recommended by the CIC to stay in the budget. Mr. Miller asked how much money is in the sidewalk account and where the Town is with the status of sidewalks. Mr. Fetko said that the plan is to finish Maple Street down to the library. Mr. Fetko will need the \$30,000 to complete this job. Mr. DiCorleto said there is money in the Sidewalk account that can be appropriated to complete this work.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:

- **DPW 4x4 pickup truck replacement** - \$41,000. Mr. Stomberg stated that the Committee did not support this expenditure this year.
- **DPW – John Deere Front End Loader-Repl** - \$177,960. Mr. Turner asked if this could be done on a lease-purchase. Mr. Fetko said that this would be up to the BOS.
- **DPW – Skid Steer Loader with Accessories** - \$46,300. Mr. Turner asked Mr. Fetko how the tasks that this equipment will handle are being done now. Mr. Fetko explained that the equipment that is used now can get around the edges of the detention basins, but cannot do what is necessary to do complete maintenance. Ms. Spielman added that there are attachments that will allow the Skid Steer Loader to accomplish more tasks. Mr. Turner expressed concern that one reason a mower was approved last year was because it was supposed to do this job and it didn't.
- **Senior Citizens Mini Van** - \$35,000. Mr. Miller noted that this request was rescinded. Mr. Turner asked if they are all squared away with their bus and the car and Mr. Stomberg stated that this was correct.
- **BOE-EHS-Security Enhancements** - \$50,000. Mr. Stomberg reported that this request was cut. Ms. Burstein expressed concern regarding this item being cut from the budget and she asked Mr. Cullinan if there is adequate security at the high school. Mr. Cullinan reported that there is adequate security and this request would have enhanced what is already in place.
- **BOE System-wide Technology** - \$262,461. Mr. Stomberg said that this cost represents computers that will be leased over four years. Mr. Cullinan explained the details of the lease to the BOS.
- **General Government Computer Disaster Recovery Plan** - \$45,000. Discussion was held regarding the benefits and costs of this budget item. Mr. DiCorleto gave a detailed explanation of the benefits of having this hardware located off-site for security purposes. Mr. Blanchette said that there are several safeguards in place now to protect data on the existing servers. Mr. Turner asked if the room that stores the server is properly protected with a fire alarm, smoke detector, etc. Mr. Fetko said that the building is protected. Mr. Miller recommended cutting this budget item this year. Mr. Blanchette added that he supported cutting this item this year.
- **Police Cruiser** - \$36,325. Mr. Stomberg said that Sgt. Bill Konieczny stated that he believes he can get another year's use out of the vehicle he is using now. Mr. Miller added that Sgt. Konieczny would like to have a laptop in the present vehicle which will cost \$5,200 and will be in the general budget.

Mr. Blanchette called for motions.


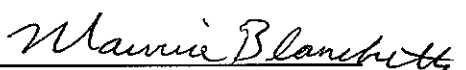
MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE PROPOSED 2010-11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUEST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOS CIC SUBCOMMITTEE BY REMOVING THE TOWN HALL ANNEX VAULT-FIREPROOF (\$164,697) AND THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTER DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN (\$45,000).

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE THAT THE FUNDING SOURCE BE CHANGED TO THE TOWN SIDEWALK FUND FROM THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL NON-REOCCURRING (\$30,000).

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2010-11, AS SUBMITTED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, AND AS MODIFIED BY RECOMMENDED CHANGES, A GROSS AMOUNT OF \$1,638,571, LESS GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS OF \$234,705, FOR A TOTAL NET AMOUNT OF \$1,403,866. IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPUTERS ARE PURCHASED OVER A FOUR-YEAR LEASE, \$262,461 CAN BE DEDUCTED FROM THE \$1,403,866, LEAVING A TOTAL NET AMOUNT OF \$1,141,405. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPUTER LEASE OPTION WOULD REQUIRE TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 9:07 P.M.

Submitted by  Approved 
LouAnn Cannella Maurice Blanchette

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET-	26-Jan-09		19-Jan-10		25-Jan-10		CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST 2010-2017				
	BOS		APPROVED BOS		BOS CAP		BOS				
	Budget 2009-10	Requests 2009-10	Cap Non- 2009-10	BOF 2009-10	TOTAL 2009-10	BUDGET 2010-11	APPROVED 2010-11	BOF 2010-11	APPROVED 2010-11	BOF 2010-11	MEANS OF FINANCING
Amounts shown in dollars											
Arbor Park-New Bridges	50,600					52,118				52,118	2013-14
Arbor Park-Repave Sidewalk						113,300				113,300	2013-14
Townwide Sidewalks	60,000	60,000		30,000	30,000	30,000			30,000		2014-2015
CLFD-Repave Parking Lot	60,000					0					2015-2016
Hall Memorial Library-Reprint Heating Unit	13,400	13,400				0					2016-2017
BOE-Windermere Heating Control Reprint						325,421					
BOE-EWS Replacement Dual Oil Burners						0					
BOE-CLS Renovation Project-Driveway Renovation	19,050	12,900				162,000			162,000		
Recreation-Public Park Upgrades	353,050	236,300	180,000		830,421	987,839			192,000	0	165,418
Total											0
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE											
DPW-Dumptrucks Replacement-2						226,600			226,600		
DPW-4 X 4 Pick Up Truck Replacement						41,000					
DPW-Tri-Axle Replacement						138,750			138,750		
DPW-Chipper Replacement						57,680			57,680		
DPW-Tractor & Accessories						0					
DPW-Toro Mower Replacement						93,500			93,500		
DPW-John Deere Front End Loader-Reprint						177,960			147,960	CAP NRF	
DPW-Skid Steer Loader with Accessories						46,300			46,300	DPW Mnt Fund	
Human Services Vehicle Replacement						18,540			18,540		
Senior Citizens Mini Van						35,000					
CLFD-Reprint-Rescue/Pumper	400,000					0					
CLFD-Hydraulic Rescue Equipment Upgrade	39,000					0					
EVFD-Public Education & Fire Prevention Trailer						45,000			45,000		
EVFD-Service/Command Vehicle	65,000					65,000					
EVFD-Hydraulic Rescue Tools	80,000	80,000				80,000			80,000	CAP NRF	
EVFD-Reprint Pick-up/Utility Truck (R-243)						80,000					
EVFD-Reprint ATV & Trailer						12,000			12,000		
EVFD-Reprint Pumper (E-143)						600,000			600,000		
EVFD-Reprint Cargo Van (S-243)						25,000				25,000	
EVFD-Reprint Boat/trailer						10,000				10,000	
EVFD-Add'l Fire Pumper						600,000				600,000	
EVAC-Replacement Ambulance	200,000	200,000	200,000			0					
EVAC-Defibrillators/CPR Equipment	20,000	20,000	20,000			0					
EVAC-Ambulance Building Equipment				45,000		0					
EVAC-Protective Response Gear						26,000			26,000	Ambulance Fee	
EVAC-Chest Compression System						26,300			26,300	Ambulance Fee	
BOE-EHS-Security Enhancements						50,000					
BOE-Reprint Maintenance Vehicles						80,000					
BOE-Special Education Vans	24,000	24,000	24,000			125,000			24,000	CAP NRF	
BOE-Systemwide Technology						262,461			262,461	Lease-4 years	
General Government Computer Disaster Recovery Plan						45,000			45,000	0	CAP NRF
Police Cruisers	43,266	43,266				36,325					
Total	871,266	367,266	289,000		915,346	3,003,416			658,021	613,021	
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